

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Action dated January 19, 2006. Applicant has amended the claims to overcome the claim objections and more clearly recite the inventive features of the invention. Applicant has also added new system claims reciting similar features as the previous claims. No new matter has been added, and the amendments place the claims in better condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the claims. The discussion/arguments provided below reference the claims in their amended form.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the present Office Action, the specification is objected to. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the specification to provide corrections to the noted issues and overcome the objections. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the specification and removal of the objections.

IN THE DRAWINGS

In the present Office Action, the informal drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(1). Accordingly, Applicant provides herewith Replacement Sheets (of formal drawings) with more clearly defined/legible lines, numbers and letters. No new matter has been added to the drawings. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the drawings and removal of the drawing objections.

CLAIMS OBJECTIONS

In the present Office Action, Claims 3-14 are objected to because of informalities. Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claims 3-14 to remove any informality contained therein and overcome the claim objections. Applicant respectfully requests removal of the objections to the claims.

CLAIMS REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the present Office Action, Claims 1-8 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Huang* (U.S. Patent No. 6,786,743). *Huang* does not anticipate Applicant's claimed invention because *Huang* fails to teach each element recited within

Applicant's claims. The claim amendments provided herein more clearly recite the novel features of Applicant's invention, which include: "a communication connector ... comprising: a rigid first arm structure with a ... hinge mechanism ... and a second end having a swivel point; ... and a rigid second arm structure attached ... at the next end to the swivel point of the first arm structure via a swivel connector, whereby the second arm structure may be swiveled around an axes running along the first arm structure."

Huang illustrates and describes the connector hub assembly with a "joint device ... attached to the housing" and a "second connector attached to the joint device" and which is "mounted on the pin shaft" (Abstract). However, nowhere in *Huang* is there a teaching (or suggestion) of the features of the rigid second arm structure positioned on a swivel point, as is recited by Applicant's claims.

The standard for a § 102 rejection requires that the reference teach each element recited in the claims set forth within the invention. As clearly outlined above, *Huang* fails to meet this standard and therefore does not anticipate Applicant's invention.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

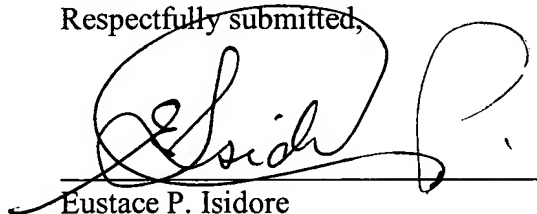
In the present Office Action, Claims 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Huang*. These claims depend from respective independent claims, which Applicant has shown to be allowable over *Huang*. Since these claims depend from allowable claims, these claims are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has diligently responded to the Office Action by amending the specification to overcome specification objections, providing Replacement Sheets to overcome drawing objections and amending the claims to overcome claim objections. Applicant has further amended the claims to more completely recite the novel features of the invention and provided clear arguments, which show why Applicant's claims are not anticipated by (nor obvious in light of) *Huang*. Since the amendments and arguments overcome the objections and §§ 102 and 103 rejections, Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all claims now pending.

Applicant further respectfully requests the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at 512.343.6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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